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**From:** Burdett, Cheryl [burdett.cheryl@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/4/2018 7:33:29 PM  
**To:** Daisy Wang [daisy.wang@erg.com]  
**Subject:** Re: TD8 - R5 Labs - Additional Questions

Other parameters too:

1. N15 isotope – Drinking water and groundwater
2. **Drinking Water Analyses:** Potassium, calcium, and Sodium  
Chloride analyses  
Nitrogen, Nitrite plus nitrate and nitrate  
Orthophosphate –
3. Fecal coliform and E.coli in Drinking water and groundwater

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**From:** Daisy Wang <Daisy.Wang@erg.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 2:24:55 PM  
**To:** Burdett, Cheryl  
**Subject:** FW: TD8 - R5 Labs - Additional Questions

Cheryl,

This is the last email that I have from Cassidy. Note that the pricing issue was for fecal coliform.

**Are you planning to sample for just nitrates and N15 isotope, or other parameters too?**

Thanks,  
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**From:** Cassidy Owen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 4:59 PM  
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**Cc:** Jessica Gray <Jessica.Gray@erg.com>; Sarah Yates <Sarah.Yates@erg.com>  
**Subject:** RE: TD8 - R5 Labs - Additional Questions

Hi Cheryl,

I wanted to follow-up with a few additional questions for you as we work to secure these additional lab subcontracts:

1. The Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene gave us a quote of [Ex. 4 CBI] per fecal coliform sample. This is the highest cost for this analysis we have seen. The next highest cost we have seen in Region 5 was [Ex. 4 CBI] and the average cost among all of the labs is about [Ex. 4 CBI]. Since this was the only lab we were able to locate in a 30-minute radius, would you like us to move along with securing this lab, or would you like us to expand our search radius?
2. A lab in the Ann Arbor area responded to our RFP stating that they use EPA method 1103.1 for analysis of *E. coli* (we typically request SM 9223B). EPA method 1103.1 is not listed in Table IA – List of Approved **Biological Methods for Wastewater and Sewage Sludge** in 40 CFR 136; however, it is listed in Table IH – List of Approved **Microbiological Methods for Ambient Water**. Is this method acceptable for your sampling?
3. Two labs within a 20-minute radius from the Ann Arbor area both decided to not bid on this work. We have expanded the search radius to 30-minutes and found two additional labs (the above question is for one of these). Is this increased search radius acceptable?

Thank you,

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**From:** Sarah Yates

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 15, 2017 12:13 PM

**To:** Burdett, Cheryl <[burdett.cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:burdett.cheryl@epa.gov)>

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**Subject:** TD8 - R5 Labs - Southeastern MI Question

Hi Cheryl,

Cassidy is in the field this week, so I wanted to follow up with you about a question from a lab in the “southeastern Michigan” location. The lab is requesting that we provide them a more specific location of where the samples will be taken from (i.e., City, State) so they can ensure they can complete the work within the hold times. Can you provide the City in Michigan you anticipate collecting samples from (or the nearest city, if applicable)?

Thanks,

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